## "Enhancing Mississippi's Educated Workforce"

April 23, 2001: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Jackson Hilton and Convention Center 1001 East County Line Road, Jackson, MS

9:00 – 10:00 Registration

10:00 – 12:00 Welcome

General Session I: Dr. Willard Daggett (Introduction by David Sheppard)

Dr. Willard Daggett, our facilitator, will open our forum by engaging a discussion of what Mississippi must do to develop the workforce necessary for successful economic development in our state.

12:00 – 1:15 Lunch

Keynote Address by Governor Ronnie Musgrove (Introduction by \_\_\_\_\_)

1:15 Break

1:30 - 3:00 Break out groups

This session will allow business, education and government leaders the opportunity to provide input into a comprehensive state plan for enhancing Mississippi's workforce. Discussion will focus on the following questions:

- *How do we define and communicate the problem?*
- What data is available and what data do we need?
- How do we identify successful models?
- What are our specific next steps, who is responsible and what is our timeline?

Information gathered in this session will lead to "Next Steps."

3:00 - 3:15 Break

3:15 – 4:00 General Session II: "Next Steps"

Dr. Daggett will present an overview of our breakout groups' comments and will present an agenda for action in Mississippi.